additional difficulty of finding a new pleader and giving instructions to him, and the business cannot go on immediately or smoothly. This provision exists in British India and, so far as I know, has been working with good effect. The present circular is a wholesome one, whatever hardship it may possibly work in individual cases.

75. Early passing of the Weights and Measures Bill into law.

Mr. V. Sankaranarayana Iyer, B. A., B. L. (Agastiswaram), Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Tovala), Mr. Shaik Sulaiman Labba of Agastiswaram (Nominated), Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu (Shertallay), Mr. Ousep Kunjavirah Tharakan (Vycome), Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (Ettumanur), Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalay, B. A., B. L., (Quilon), Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer and Mr. Sattanathan Karayalan (Shencottah), Mr. Kesavan Padmanabhan (Mavelikara), Mr. K. G. Sesha Iyer, B. A., B. L. (Central Association, Trivandrum) and Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Mathevan (Nedumangad) prayed for the Weights and Measures Bill being passed into law as soon as possible and pointed out that this was one of the subjects brought forward for the earnest consideration of Government at the last session of the Assembly.

Reply.—The Bill referred to had to be dropped. But Government have not lost sight of the desirability of legislating on this subject. The matter will receive careful consideration, especially as it is now seen that the cry comes from all parts of the State.

76. Disabilities of Christian converts in the matter of inheritance.

Mr. G. H. Gunther (Catholic Indian Association, Trivandrum observed that this was one of the subjects brought forward at the last session of the Assembly, but one aspect of the question had not been brought to the notice of Government then, and that was that in British India including Malabar whose Marumakkathayam law was the same as that of Travancore, the disabilities complained of did at one time exist but were removed by the passing of Act XXI of 1850. Here, there was a Full Bench ruling that Hindu converts to Christianity could not claim inheritance. In the face of this ruling, it was doubtful whether relief could be afforded except by specific legislation. He, therefore, requested that a Regulation might be passed in this direction at an early date on the lines of the British Indian enactment.

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